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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion
into the Rates, Operations, Practices, Service and
Facilities of Southern California Edison Company

I. _____

ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION

Southern California Edison Company (Edison) is a public utility electric corporation under this Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission exercises, in connection with general rate cases and other forums, its constitutionally and legislatively derived jurisdiction to regulate Edison's rates, practices, service, and the reliability, safety and adequacy of its facilities. (See, Public Utilities Code Sections 545 and 451.)

On May 3, 2002 Edison filed Application (A.) 02-05-004, a general rate case proceeding, requesting a \$286.4 million rate increase in base rate revenues for Test Year 2003. Edison's requested revenue requirement includes virtually all the company's expenses for operation, maintenance, safety, and general expenses.

We commence this companion investigation to the general rate case, to be consolidated and heard on a consolidated evidentiary record, with A.02-05-004. This investigatory proceeding is opened to allow the Commission to hear proposals other than Edison's, and to enable the Commission to be able to enter orders on matters for which the utility may not be the proponent. It is to afford parties, and this Commission, an opportunity and forum to provide and consider

evidence on issues of interest. These issues may result in directives to Edison that serve the public interest and result in just and reasonable rates, service and facilities. Edison is hereby placed on notice that the evidence taken in these consolidated proceedings may be the basis for findings and Commission orders. Accordingly, the Commission commences this investigation to study and determine issues surrounding Edison's revenue requirement, rates, practices, service, facilities, maintenance practices and maintenance practices.

We will hold a prehearing conference in this investigation simultaneously with the prehearing conference for the companion general rate case proceeding, A.02-05-004.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. This investigation is commenced as a companion to A.02-05-004, for the purposes of taking evidence and entering orders within the jurisdiction of the Commission in connection with Southern California Edison Company's (Edison) revenue requirement, rates, service, practices, maintenance and facilities. Edison is the respondent utility in this proceeding.

2. Edison is hereby placed on notice that the Commission, for good cause, and to advance the public interest by setting just and reasonable rates and terms for the provision of utility service, may enter orders beyond the confines of what Edison requests in companion consolidated proceeding, A.02-05-004.

Subsequent scoping memos issued in connection with prehearing conferences will determine the scope of this proceeding. This proceeding is classified as rate setting.

3. The Executive Director shall have a copy of this order served by mail on Edison's representative for regulatory affairs:

Bruce Foster, Sr. Vice President
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601 Van Ness Avenue, Ste. 2040
San Francisco, CA 94102

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.